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TOPIC

Altenburg Airfield

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

16 to 25 March 1953

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. About 1:10 p.m. on 16 March 1953, 24 MiG-15s took off in groups of two from Altenburg airfield. The distance between the taking off planes was 6 to 8 meters. The planes of the alert flight also took off. After about 40 minutes, the planes landed again in groups of two and subsequently 20 MiG-15s taxied to the southern taxiway, while four alert planes remained at the northern end of the runway. After about 50 minutes, three individual jet fighters took off.

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At 11 a.m. on 17 March, two MiG-15s made local training flights. After 11:20 a.m. jet fighters continuously took off. At 4 p.m. a total of 24 MiG-15s was parked at the field. Night flying was started at 8 p.m. Weather was 5/10 overcast. The jet fighters took off individually and flew circles over the field at large altitudes. Four searchlights tried to catch the MiG-15s in their beams. One searchlight was located near the radio installation north of the Bocka-Dolsenhain road; one in the northern portion of the installation, and 2 at its southern edge. Flying was discontinued at about 11 p.m.¹

2. AA gun emplacements were seen in the northern section of the field.² Six aircraft revetments were observed on the taxiway in the southern portion of the field, while other such revetments were believed to be available on the taxiway north of the former taxiway. The revetments consisted of piles rammed into the earth and earth walls.

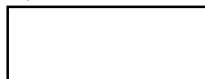
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3. Two radio installations were observed on the Bocka-Dolsenhain road. The radio installation south of this road probably was a PKV-45 DF station with four masts and a tent in their middle. North of the road, there were two masts, about 10 meters high and connected by a three-section antenna. From the middle of the antenna a feed-in led to the radio truck nearby. A cable led from a radio truck near the PKV-45 DF station to the northern radio installation.³


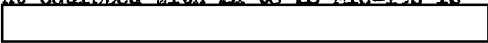




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- 25X1A 1.  Comment. A fighter regiment equipped with 24 to 28 MiG-15s is
stationed at Altenburg airfield.  25X1B
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- 25X1A 2.  Comment. It is believed that an AA battery with 6 x 37-mm guns
is emplaced in the northern section of the field, east-southeast of
Bocka.
- 25X1A 3.  Comment. The data on the PKV-45 DF station agree with previous
25X1A information. 

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